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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Burmeister et al.
Application No.:	09/427,291
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For:	IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES
Examiner:	Paul B. Prebilio
Group Art Unit:	3738

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Docket No: S63.2-4944-US04

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2002 and is filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in order to be considered.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, wherein claims 22-32 and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and claims 22-32 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,327,321 to Roubin et al (Roubin).

Applicants note that the section headings of the comments presented below, correspond to those of the Final Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

In Final Office Action claims 22-32 and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. More specifically, the Examiner has asserted that the limitation of claim 22 of “each